

Two Candidates Disqualified for City Council Ballot

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CITY WELCOMES KONYA'S MAYOR

Court Suit Planned to Test Ruling

A ruling by the city attorney that two nominating petitions for city council failed to qualify will be challenged by a lawsuit being prepared yesterday.

David V. Figuerado, whose nominating petition was ruled insufficient when only four of the required five signatures qualified, told the HERALD yesterday that Attorney Boris S. Woolley was preparing to file for a writ of mandamus in Inglewood Superior Court seeking to force the city to place his on the ballot for the April 12 election.

FIGUERADO AND Henry Carreiro were ruled off the ballot by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer because their nominating petitions failed to qualify.

Before announcing his ruling, Remelmeyer had researched the state's Election Code and talked to officials in Los Angeles seeking to find rulings effecting such matters, he said.

IN FIGUERADO'S case, he obtained the required five signers to his petition, but one had moved recently without reregistering, and the County Registrar's office said he no longer was a registered voter as is required of nominators.

Elimination of the two candidates reduces the list for the April municipal election to 14, including the three incumbents, Victor E. Benstead, Nick Drale, and Robert Jahm.

Challenging them are Paul Albright Jr., John Barton, Garth Belknap, Jeff W. Bell, James Cicchini, Mrs. Rose Craig, Thirvin D. Fleetwood, Roger Hogue, Walter Kerberlien, George Kurtz, and George Vico.



EAST MEETS WEST . . . Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance and Mrs. Isen greet Mayor and Mrs. Sitki Bilgin (center) of Konya, Turkey, as the visitors left American Airline jet plane at Los Angeles International Airport Tuesday afternoon. Turkish guests are here for Konya Day celebration to be held Friday and Saturday. The scheduled events include luncheons, dinners and tours of points of interest in Torrance, climaxing the City To City program. (Herald Photo)

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Visitors on Sightseeing Tour Today

Mayor and Mrs. Sitki Bilgin are sightseeing today before official celebration of Torrance-Konya Days opens here with a visit to city schools tomorrow morning.

Since their arrival in Torrance Tuesday afternoon, the visiting Turkish dignitaries have visited industrial plants, a city council meeting, motion picture studio, and a dinner at the Plush Horse.

Today's scheduled tours include Wayfarer's Chapel, Marineland, Disneyland, and Knott's Berry Farm.

OFFICIAL celebration schedules go into operation tomorrow morning when the Konya mayor and his wife, Guler, meet Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, for a briefing (See schedule below).

Mayor and Mrs. Bilgin arrived here Tuesday afternoon at the Los Angeles International Airport aboard a jetliner from Baltimore. They were greeted by Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen and members of the city-to-city committee of Torrance.

Bilgin has been mayor of Konya for two years and served as a member of the city council for five years prior to that. Like Torrance's Mayor Isen, he is an attorney.

THE BILGINS have a daughter, 6, and a son, nine months. This is their first visit to the United States.

The official celebration tomorrow and Saturday will highlight Torrance's participation in President Eisenhower's city-to-city program in which U. S. cities are encouraged to align themselves with cities in other countries to exchange cultural ideas among the citizens.

Fred Spangler and Charles Wortham of this area have visited Turkey since the program was inaugurated, and officials of the Turkish government assigned to the United States have visited the city on several occasions.

"THE THING I want to see most is our sister city of Torrance," Bilgin told the welcoming committee at the airport.

Mayor Bilgin Sees City Council Work

Mayor and Mrs. Sitki Bilgin of Konya, Turkey, got their first brief glimpse of official city life here Tuesday night when they made a short visit to the regular meeting of the city council.

Greeted by Mayor Albert Isen, the visiting Turkish representative of Torrance's sister city was introduced to members of the council, city officials, and others in the council chambers.

A SCROLL welcoming Mayor Bilgin to Torrance was read and presented by Councilman Nick Drale.

"It is a great honor and a pleasure to be here with you," the Konya mayor said through an interpreter.

"Thank all of you for the tremendous thrill it has been for me and my wife to come to the United States and visit Torrance. We are very happy to meet the members of your city-to-city committee and are sure the bonds between our two cities will grow stronger," he added.

HE THANKED Councilman Drale for the scroll, saying "it is a marvelous thing you have done, and I shall always remember it."

He conveyed to the council and others present the many good wishes of the people of Konya and said "we hope to see many more of you in the near future."

Drale, Vico Launch Election Campaigns for City Council



NICK DRALE

Drale Seeks Fourth Term In Office

Opening of his campaign for re-election was announced officially yesterday by Councilman Nickolas O. "Nick" Drale.

Councilman Drale has served on the Torrance City Council for 12 years, having served as its Mayor in 1954-1955. With these many years of experience behind him, which he feels are invaluable to the voters, Drale is confident he is adequately prepared and ready to serve another term of office.

"Growing up in the steel mills, with its many phases of hard work, and later preparing myself for my own business, has most certainly prepared me to serve in public office," he said.

"I feel I can well represent the voters of Torrance and help them understand the many problems that arise daily in our fast growing community. When first elected to the City Council in 1948, our population was not more than 16,000. That count today is over 100,000.

"EACH COUNCILMAN, as well as each and every department (Continued on Page 3)

Vico Pledges Recreation Leadership

George Vico, former major league and Hollywood Star baseball player, opened his campaign for election to the Torrance city council here this week by pledging to work for development of the city's parks and recreation program and "to serve all segments of Torrance citizenry in an intelligent, forthright, unbiased, and unselfish manner."

Vico, who lives at 219 Paseo de las Delicias, Hollywood Riviera, is seeking one of the three seats at stake in the April 12 election.

"SINCE 1946 I have lived with my family in Torrance and have seen it grow from a small town to the county's fifth largest city," he said yesterday.

"I know first hand the advantages this great growth has afforded us all. I also know the problems it has brought."

VICO BELIEVES his nearly two decades of professional baseball experience and his current work have brought him into contact with people at "all levels of business, social and civic life." Through these contacts, he has learned of the great value and tremendous need for adequate recreational facilities, he said.

"Many of these people have suggested that I seek election to the Torrance city council so that I might carry out more constructively the ideas of a large number of conscientious taxpayers in regard to the development and improvement of a recreation program for youth and adults alike," he said.

"I AM PLEASED to be a candidate for the council and wish to assure all that I am sincerely pledged to developing to (Continued on Page 3)



GEORGE VICO . . . Begins Campaign

Trustees Approve Spanking

A new policy, providing that corporal punishment may be used when "deemed appropriate," was adopted by the Torrance board of education Tuesday night.

The new policy was adopted in accordance with a new state law. Superintendent J. H. Hull declared.

"We have discouraged spanking children in school and will continue to do so," he noted. "The new policy will give us power to act in cases where spanking appears the best answer to the problem. It is a last resort, not a power to be used every day."



"I can remember when a bank was a place to save money—not borrow it."

Konya Banquet Tickets Still Available Today

A few tickets remain for the Konya Banquet to be held at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant Saturday night, members of the city-to-city committee reported this week.

The banquet will climax the two day event honoring Mayor and Mrs. Sitki Bilgin of Konya who are visiting Torrance this week.

Reservations for the banquet must be made at the Chamber of Commerce. No tickets will be available at the banquet, officials declared.

Bank Fire Just Smoke After All

Firemen who responded to a call at the California Bank in downtown Torrance Tuesday night found a faulty heating and air conditioning unit had filled the bank building with smoke. Damage was held to a minimum according to Fire Chief J. J. Benner.



HELLO TORRANCE . . . Mrs. Sitki Bilgin waves and her husband, Mayor Bilgin of Konya, Turkey, smiles at crowd waiting at International Airport as the honored guests of Konya Day in Torrance leave jet plane on arrival Tuesday afternoon. (Herald Photo)



NEW FIRMS GREETED . . . George Post (right), chairman of the Chamber of Commerce breakfast this week, chats with William Palley (left), president of Palley's; Richard Hadel, general manager, and Dudley Beckett, store manager, of The Akron. Palley's new Torrance store is located on Hawthorne Blvd. just south of Sepulveda, The Akron on Hawthorne Blvd. at 180th St. Both plan openings in the middle of March. (Herald Photo)

Torrance-Konya Days Program

Friday

- 9:30 a.m.—Briefing on schools by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent.
- 9:45 a.m.—Tour of Educational Materials Building.
- 10:30 a.m.—Coffee, Edison School PTA serving.
- 10:45 a.m.—Tour of Edison Elementary School.
- 11:30 a.m.—Tour of North High School, classroom visits.
- 12:45 p.m.—Luncheon, North High School cafeteria.
- 2:15 p.m.—Unscheduled.
- 5:00 p.m.—Press Conference, Palms Restaurant.
- 7:00 p.m.—Informal dinner, city, school, and Chamber officials.
- 8:30 p.m.—Reception for invited guests of city organizations.

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m.—Mayor's Breakfast, Plush Horse Restaurant.
- 10:30 a.m.—Presentation of colors in El Prado Park; program.
- 11:45 a.m.—Tour downtown Torrance, civic center.
- 12:30 p.m.—Luncheon, Del Amo Shopping Center, tour area.
- 2:00 p.m.—Home tour of four typical Torrance homes.
- 3:00 p.m.—Tea at Douglas Baldwin home, Junior Women's Club.
- 7:30 p.m.—Banquet, Jump 'n Jack.